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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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### RECEIPTS.

1877.

Mar. 1.	Balance in the hands of the treasurer,	\$1,176 74
	Amount of state, county, town, school, and highway taxes committed to Thomas J. Otterson for collection,	8,274 66
	Dog tax,	51 00
	School house tax, District No. 4,	3,989 30
	“ “ 3,	42 70
	“ “ 2,	459 98
	State treasurer, savings bank tax,	673 30
	railroad tax,	193 78
	literary fund,	56 76
	Merrimack county, support of paupers,	833 63
	Remaining on H. H. Hartwell's collec- tion, 1871,	21 92
	Received of C. P. Morse, being over paid on bill,	2 00
	Received of Wm. D. Marden, collector, 1874,	208 87
	Received of Wm. D. Marden, collector, 1875,	108 38
	Received of John F. Bartlett, collector, 1876,	315 55
	Deficiency by John Tennant, as treasurer, 1872,	636 97
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## EXPENDITURES.

1877.			
Mar.	1.	Paid P. O. Donohoe, board of Miller child,	\$6 00
		John P. Batchelder, labor on highway,	22 58
		King D. Stewart, labor on highway,	3 90
	7.	J. R. Kimball, for prof. services rendered for Hannah Blaisdell,	6 00
		J. W. Fife, for labor on highway,	1 50
	10.	John Leavitt, labor on highway,	12 80
	12.	P. O. Michaud, for keeping tramps,	5 00
		W. R. Blakeley, for services as special police,	2 00
		O. M. Smith, for services as special police,	2 00
		Charles R. Emerson, for services as special police,	2 00
	14.	John Hartford, for board of Jonathan Prescott and wife, three weeks,	12 00
	23.	A. N. Osgood, for lumber,	6 00
	26.	John F. Bartlett, for collecting taxes, 1876,	77 40
	29.	Noah M. Cofran, for land damages, for highway,	25 00
		B. W. Sanborn, for stationery,	7 08
	31.	W. D. Marden, for wood for J. Prescott,	6 00
		D. F. Leavitt, for land damages, for highway,	10 00
April	3.	P. O. Donohoe, for board of Miller child,	6 65
	5.	Wm. Cate, for damages to land by teams passing over it,	10 00
		C. E. Humphrey, for wood for paupers,	6 00
		“ putting up tramps,	5 00
	6.	J. Hartford, for board of J. Prescott and wife,	9 00
	20.	John Leavitt, for labor on highway,	3 20
		J. P. Batchelder, “	11 86



April	28.	David Hayes, for use of hall to hold town meeting, 10 00, for nails, 80c.,	\$10 80
		J. Lacasse, to R. R. tickets to Canada,	20 00
		“ one pair shoes,	1 50
		Eastman, Page & Albin, for law advice, 1874,	15 00
	30.	Stephen A. Bates, for land damages, for highway,	22 00
May	1.	P. O. Donohoe, for board of Miller child,	6 43
	14.	Hall B. Emery, for labor on highway,	221 96
	21.	Alfred Towns, “ “	9 36
	26.	H. W. Batchelder, “ “	20 50
		C. E. Humphrey, for tramps,	11 00
		R. C. Moulton, for lumber,	4 80
	31.	H. H. Hartwell, school house money, District No. 4,	434 70
		W. D. Marden, 1-2 cord wood for J. Prescott,	2 00
June	1.	P. O. Donohoe, board of Miller boy,	6 65
	8.	I. G. Russ, pauper bills,	48 19
	13.	J. R. Kimball, for professional services rendered to paupers, by agreement of county commissioners,	44 25
	20.	Henry Dowst, school money, district No. 1,	60 00
		W. H. Haseltine, for labor on highway,	23 63
	21.	John H. Sullivan, surveying roads,	12 00
	26.	A. J. Glover, for labor on highway,	59 74
	30.	J. P. Batchelder, “	40 90
		W. D. Marden, “	36 93
		Wm. Tennant, for building a bank wall on the corner of Ferry street,	310 75
		Norman Call, school money, district No. 2,	5 00

June	30.	C. C. Pearson & Co., printing town reports,	\$39 00
July	2.	P. O. Donohoe, board of Miller boy,	6 43
	7.	C. E. Johnson, school money, district No. 3,	50 00
	17.	H. H. Hartwell, school money, district No. 4,	225 00
	28.	C. J. Lacasse, for services as special police,	2 00
Aug.	1.	P. O. Donohoe, board of Miller boy,	6 65
	7.	P. O. Michaud, for two tickets to Canada,	20 00
		P. O. Michaud, feeding tramps,	5 00
	8.	H. W. Batchelder, labor on highway,	29 70
		“ school house money, district 2,	12 00
		A. J. Glover, for labor on highway,	18 84
	13.	John Marden, in part for building a school house in district No. 2,	150 00
	18.	H. H. Hartwell, school house money in district No. 4,	600 00
	23.	H. Denison, for 3 railroad tickets to Newmarket,	5 60
	25.	W. D. Marden, for labor on highway,	19 84
		“ 1-2 cord wood, for J. Prescott,	2 00
	28.	H. B. Emery, labor on highway,	35 26
	31.	H. W. Batchelder, “	24 62
Sep.	1.	P. O. Donohoe, for board of Miller boy,	6 65
	5.	John Marden, building school house, district No. 2,	100 00
	10.	A. J. Bryant, services as special police,	2 00
		O. M. Smith, “	2 00
	13.	Chas. E. Johnson, school money, district No. 3,	33 00
	17.	H. H. Hartwell, school house money, district No. 4,	500 00

Sep. 24.	J. Marden, building school house, district No. 2,	\$150 00
Oct. 27.	H. W. Batchelder, labor on highway,	33 55
	John Appleton,                   “	9 35
	W. D. Marden,                   “	6 40
	“           1-2 cord wood for J. Prescott,	2 00
	True W. Fowler, being over taxed on land, 1877,	1 20
	H. H. Hartwell, school house money, district No. 4,	1,500 00
	Wm. Haseltine, 50 loads gravel,	5 00
	“           to notify land holders in relation to widening Ferry street,	4 00
	J. P. Batchelder, labor on highway,	73 58
	O. J. Eastman, printing bills,	1 25
	John Perkins, for labor on highway,	28 75
	Mary Martin, for use of land for pound,	1 00
30.	H. B. Emery, labor on highway,	11 28
Nov. 3.	C. E. Johnson, school house money, district No. 3,	40 00
	P. O. Donohoe, board of Miller child,	13 08
	P. O. Michaud, railroad tickets,	12 00
	John Enaier, board of R. Bisson, 4 weeks,	8 00
8.	Dr. J. R. Kimball, professional services rendered to paupers, by agreement of county commissioners,	31 25
15.	Norman Call, school money, district district No. 2,	85 00
19.	H. H. Hartwell, school money, district No. 4,	250 00
21.	Henry Dowst, school money, district No. 1,	110 00
22.	John Marden, in full, building school house, district No. 2,	50 00



Nov.	22.	J. Lane Fitts, as surveyor in perambulating line between Allenstown and Hooksett,	\$5 25
	24.	W. D. Marden, for wood, etc., J. Prescott,	5 00
		W. D. Marden, labor on highway,	4 95
		Ephraim Locke, perambulating town line between Allenstown and Hooksett,	9 00
		W. D. Marden, preambulating town line,	9 00
	30.	P. O. Donohoe, board of Miller child,	6 43
Dec.	3.	A. N. Osgood, plank for highway public watering trough, etc.,	33 70
	5.	H. H. Hartwell, school house money, district No. 4,	800 00
	24.	Chas. E. Johnson, school money, district No. 3,	66 75
		County tax,	1,519 20
		State tax,	1,600 00
		Asa Fowler, for advice and services,	50 00
	29.	C. P. Morse, 13 coffins, county paupers,	97 50
		“ cook stove, for J. Prescott,	8 00
		W. D. Marden, labor on highway,	4 15
		J. Lacasse, pair boots for John Smith,	3 25
		T. J. Otterson, brick and laying for side walk,	10 25
		J. F. Langmaid, county pauper bill,	2 00
		P. O. Donohoe, board of Messer boy,	6 65
1878.			
Jan.	1.	China Manufacturing Company, land to widen Ferry street,	330 00
		China Manufacturing Company, land for new highway leading by Catholic church,	150 00
		P. O. Michaud, railroad ticket and goods for county paupers,	22 40

Jan. 1.	Williams & Hosmer, goods furnished county paupers,	\$155 93
	Sullivan Brothers, goods furnished county paupers,	5 75
	M. L. Spaulding, goods furnished county paupers,	1 50
	J. Sawyer, land damages, Ferry street,	12 50
	P. O. Donohoe, board of Miller boy,	4 07
	A. J. Glover, labor on highway,	5 00
	“ house rent for J. Prescott,	3 65
	John Derby, board of Thomas Lemar,	14 00
26.	J. Lacasse, 3 pair of shoes for Mary Laduce and children,	3 70
	Samuel Martin, 381 feet bridge plank,	6 84
	Dr. J. R. Kimball, for professional services rendered as by agreement of county commissioners,	46 85
	Brainard Gile, one cord wood, J. Prescott,	5 00
	Emery Brothers, goods furnished John Smith,	35 00
	John F. Bartlett, goods furnished county paupers,	91 30
	Alonzo Colby, wood furnished county paupers,	28 25
	Baker & Fellows, goods furnished county paupers,	48 00
	J. R. Kimball, professional services rendered Frederick Moran,	20 00
	I. G. Russ, goods furnished for R. and H. Blaisdell's children,	40 81
	I. G. Russ, goods furnished J. Prescott,	13 87
	I. G. Russ, goods furnished for support of H. Blaisdell,	8 00
	Norman Call, in full for school money, district No. 2,	76 86

Jan. 26.	W. Fowler, 1 cord wood for J. Prescott,	\$5 50
	W. Fowler, 1-2 cord wood, C. J. Lacasse,	3 00
	O. J. Prescott, for sawing wood for J. Prescott,	1 50
	John Labonta, sawing wood for J. Prescott,	75
	Alfred Towns, 10 feet wood,	6 25
	P. O. Michaud, goods furnished county paupers,	11 00
	H. W. Batchelder, labor on highway,	26 50
	H. W. Batchelder, school house money, district No. 2,	7 00
	Hall B. Emery, labor on highway,	7 20
	J. Lacasse, pair shoes for Mrs. Prescott,	1 75
	John Perkins, labor on highway,	35 65
	H. H. Hartwell, for services as Superintending School Committee,	25 00
	H. H. Hartwell, for school books for children of Mrs. Weltha Myers,	95
	H. H. Hartwell, school money, district No. 4,	500 00
	J. P. Batchelder, labor on highway,	7 60
	Ephraim Locke, services as selectman,	75 00
	W. D. Marden, services as selectman,	55 00
	A. P. Fernald, services as selectman,	60 00
	A. P. Fernald, taking affidavits of paupers,	10 50
	A. P. Fernald, taking care and feeding tramps,	13 50
	W. D. Marden, labor on highway,	3 00
	Mrs. Daniel Blaisdell, for boarding H. Blaisdell,	6 75
	E. Locke, time spent to build school house in district No. 2,	5 00



Jan. 26.	W. D. Marden, time spent to build school house in district No. 2,	\$3 00
	Samuel B. Cofran, time spent to build school house in district No. 2,	5 00
	R. J. Kendall, taking care of town house,	5 00

*Abatements of Taxes on T. J. Otterson's List 1877.*

Jan. 26.	Paid China M'fg Company, over-taxed on school house,	\$44 76
	Olive Currier, over-taxed 1 92, Joseph Cate, overtaxed 1 20,	3 12
	Jonathan Philbrick heirs of 11 55, Clark W. Batchelder, 1 92,	13 47
	Samuel Head over-taxed 2 74, Wm. H. Cate, on dog 1 00,	3 74
	Adef Hamel, 1 92, Joseph Hamel, 1 92,	3 84
	Peter Bowresa, 1 92, Edward Benock, 1 92,	3 84
	Lewis Bussier, 1 92, Thos. Costigan, 1 92,	3 84
	Emier Caperin, 1 92, Morris Carter, 1 92,	3 84
	George Chazen, 1 92, Peter Charai, 1 92,	3 84
	George Cheter, 1 92, Tilaurin Dugain, 1 92,	3 84
	Francis Detrah, 1 92, Tho's K. Good, 1 92,	3 84
	Jack Gamel, 92, Michael Garule, 1 92,	2 84
	Leonard Hill, 1 92, Wm. K. Jewell, 1 92,	3 84
	Sabine Kaimville, 1 92, Michael Lambert, 1 92,	3 84
	Joseph Lacourse, 1 92, Fred Mason, 1 92,	3 84
	Lewis Marise, 1 92, John Martin, 1 92,	3 84
	Jas. McArthur, 1 92, Wm. McCloud, 1 92,	3 84
	Joseph Nael, 1 92, Nathan Oatley, 1 92,	3 84
	Jonathan Philbrick, 1 92, Marvin Preansalle, 1 92,	3 84
	Arthur Blaisdell, 45, Daniel P. Blaisdell, 1 26,	1 71
	Lewis Bussau, 1 92, Thomas Speakman, 1 92,	3 84

Jan. 26.	Havier Tatro, 1 92, Edward Tatro, 1 92, \$3 84	
	Joseph Vatie, 1 92, Joseph Villex, 1 92, 3 84	
	Stephen Clemant, 1 92, Samuel Mar-	
	tin, over-taxed, 5 88,	7 80

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\$142 70

*Abatements on John F. Bartlett's List, 1876.*

Paid S. Adams, 90, Geo. Abenham, 90,	\$1 80
Horace Brown, 90, Leander Beede, 90,	1 80
Alfred Boudrault, 90, Leon Boudrault, 90,	1 80
Henry Bushan, 90, Geo. W. Cochren, 4 90, 5 80	
Phileen Debarin, 90, Alphonso Ferrin, 90,	1 80
Peter Fortier, 90, Thos. H. Good, 90,	1 80
Peter Glancey, 90, John Hayes, 40,	1 30
Daniel Hamman, 90, Wm. H. Jewell, 90,	1 80
John Keef, 90, Fred Leen, 90,	1 80
Thos. Leamey, 90, Jos. Langlois, 90,	1 80
Wm. McCloud, 90, Wm. Morse, 90,	1 80
Thos. Martin, 90, Henry Quimby, 90,	1 80
Moses Quimby, dog, 1 90, John Quimby, 90,	2 80
Bapider Martin, 90, Ira C. Swain, 7 20,	8 10
Michael Stewart, 90, I. Willson, dog, 1 90,	2 80
Olive Currier, over-taxed, 90, Micajah	
Pope, 90,	1 80
Addison Osgood, over-taxed,	9 00
Michael R. Evans, dog, 1 00, Charles	
Merrill, dog, 1 00,	2 00

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\$51 60

*Abated on H. H. Hartwell's List, 1871.*

Paid David Adzea, 1 76, Geo. W. Cofran, 1 76, \$3 52	
George Costigan, dog, 1 00, Robert	
Dickey, 1 76,	2 76
Harrison Hoar, 1 76, Wm. Hathaway, 1 76,	3 52
Daniel Lamprey, 1 76, Chas. Bellen, 1 76,	3 52

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\$13 32

Jan. 24. Paid John F. Bartlett, for goods delivered Frank Jerauld,	\$5 99
E. Locke, for board of selectmen while doing town business,	15 00
E. Locke, to cash paid when out of town on business, for railroad fare and stationery,	12 75
H. H. Hartwell, in full for school mon- ey in District No. 4,	76 30
Thomas J. Otterman, for collecting taxes in 1877,	192 24
Charles F. Hildreth, for services as town clerk,	15 00
Charles F. Hildreth, for services as treasurer,	25 00
Charles F. Hildreth, for stationery,	2 40
" " " medicine for pau- pers,	2 15
Mary C. Johnson, in full for note.	450 71
John Perkins, " "	229 00
Henry Dowst, " "	195 55
Ann H. Stevens, which had been overlooked and was not reported last year,	519 57
Amount of expenditures.	<hr/> \$14,190 40
Amount of receipts,	17,045 54
Expenditures.	<hr/> \$14,190 40
Balance in favor of the town,	<hr/> \$2,855 14
Remaining in the hands of treasurer, March 1, 1878, \$1,800 52	
on H. H. Hartwell's collection, 1871,	8 00
on W. D. Marden's collection, 1874,	208 87
on W. D. Marden's collection, 1875,	108 38



Remaining on John F. Bartlett's collection, 1876,	\$10 80
Deficiency by John Tennant, as treasurer, 1872,	636 97
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Balance in favor of town,	\$2,855 14
Liabilities of town,	2,259 55
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Over and above liabilities,	\$595 59

#### LIABILITIES OF TOWN, MARCH 1, 1878.

Philip Sargent's note and interest,	\$1,045 57
School district No. 4,	1,109 05
School district No. 3,	73 62
School district No. 1,	31 31
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	\$2,259 55

#### RECAPITULATION.

Raised by tax to build a school house in school district No. 2, 1877,	\$459 98
On hand, raised to repair school house, 1873,	25 00
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	\$484 98
Paid John Marden, for building school house in district No. 2,	\$450 00
H. W. Batchelder, to get school house insured, and build an out building,	19 00
E. Locke, as building committee,	5 00
W. D. Marden, as building committee,	3 00
S. B. Cofran, as building committee,	5 00
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	\$482 00
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	\$2 98

EPHRAIM LOCKE,	}	<i>Selectmen of Allenstown.</i>
WM. D. MARDEN,		
ALBERT P. FERNALD,		

We, the undersigned, have examined the accounts of the selectmen for the year ending March 1, 1878, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WM. HASELTINE,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
JOHN PERKINS,		

# TREASURER'S REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1878.

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The Town Treasurer respectfully submits the following report of the receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year :

## RECEIPTS.

Amount received from Hall B. Emery, former Treasurer,	\$1176 74
Received of John F. Bartlett, Collector for 1876,	253 15
Charles P. Morse, overpaid on draft,	2 00
State Treasurer, savings bank tax,	673 30
Railroad tax,	193 78
Literary fund,	56 76
Merrimack County, support of paupers,	833 63
Thomas J. Otterson, Collector for 1877,	12,600 00
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	\$15,789 36

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid town orders of the selectmen, numbered from 1 to 157 inclusive, except Nos. 114, 146, 147, 155, 157, drawn but not presented,	\$13,982 77
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Balance in treasury,	\$1806 59

CHARLES F. HILDRETH, *Town Treasurer.*

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We, the undersigned, have examined the accounts of the treasurer for the year ending March 1, 1878, and find them correctly kept and properly vouched.

WM. HASELTINE, } *Auditors.*  
JOHN PERKINS, }

# REPORT

OF THE

## SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE TOWN OF ALLENSTOWN.

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FELLOW CITIZENS: We submit to you this, our annual report, of the condition and progress of our schools for the year ending March, 1878:

### DISTRICT NUMBER ONE.

Prudential Committee—Henry Dowst.

*Summer Term.* Miss Rose A. Cram of Deerfield, teacher. Length of term, 9 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 21; average attendance, 18; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$26.

*Winter Term.* Miss Mary H. Batchelder of Deerfield, teacher. Length or term, 12 weeks. Wages, \$29. Whole number of scholars, 19; average, 15.

Both of these teachers have had extensive experience and good success. Miss B. has taught in this district before. And as we expected at the commencement, both terms were very peaceful and profitable. We could say many good things of this school, and the people of this district. They show fully their appreciation of the reciprocal relations existing between the tax payers and those receiving the advantages of public school instruction. Miss Cram makes the following very commendatory record in her register: "Credit is due the scholars for their attendance, and the interest manifested during the term. Nine scholars have not been absent during the term; and (excepting



one) have been neither tardy or dismissed." And she adds: "The term has, I trust, been pleasant and profitable to all."

## DISTRICT NUMBER TWO.

Prudential Committee—Francis Call.

*Summer Term.* Miss Jessie A. S. Dolber of Candia, teacher. Length of term, 15 weeks. Wages, \$20 per month. Whole number of scholars, 11; average, 10.

*Winter Term.* Miss Annie Watson of Allenstown, teacher. Wages per month, \$22. Whole number, 9; average, 8. Length of term, 10 weeks.

A new and excellent school house has been built in this district this year, at an expense of \$450, and furnished with a new stove and a good supply of blackboards. And we had fondly hoped that the people, all, would live peaceably, deal justly, and walk humbly before God. And that hereafter we were to hear no more of any troubles among them; and especially of such things as usually injure, and, if continued, finally ruin the district school. But although they have been tried as by fire, I fear they are not yet purified. I am conscious that both of the teachers, and the committee, have done all in their power to so adjust and conduct the school as to secure the fullest benefits to all. Yet each of the teachers have had their *trials*, as the following entries made by them in the "School Register" indicates: Miss Dolber says: "I have endeavored to do my duty in this school through evil as well as good report. My experience in this district may be profitable for *discipline*, but has *not* been in every respect a *pleasant* one." Miss Watson writes: "A material change in the social relations of the people in this district, is the one thing particularly necessary, as a first step to the attainment of a perfectly pleasant and profitable school."

The children show a much better spirit than the parents. And those present the last day of the school appeared as well as any classes of their age, in town. They seem as well disposed as the average of scholars, and as studious; and for years we have noted a good degree of progress each successive term.

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$$\begin{array}{r} 11 \\ 77 \\ \hline 77 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 22 \\ 22 \\ \hline 44 \end{array}$$

## DISTRICT NUMBER THREE.

Prudential Committee—Charles E. Johnson.

This district has had three terms. First term, 10 weeks; second, 6, and third, 11. Whole number, 11; average, 8. Wages, \$20 and \$22. The first two terms were taught by Miss Eva French of Pembroke. She also taught both terms last year, and always acquits herself with great credit.

The last term was taught by Miss Sabrina B. Green of Concord. This was her first experience of the kind, and she succeeded finely. The school house has been painted and repaired this year, at an expense of \$40. This is a gem of a district! We always visit it with pleasure, because the families, including both parents and children, seem so pleasant, harmonious, and happy.

## DISTRICT NUMBER FOUR.

Prudential Committee—H. H. Hartwell and Harvey Dennison.

This district has had, as usual, three terms of 12 weeks each. The *Summer* and *Autumn Terms* were kept in the old brick, and the China room as formerly. Miss Ellen A. Morrill of Concord, taught both terms in the brick house, and Mrs. Etta W. Belknap and Mrs. Etta M. Stearns of Allenstown, were the teachers in the China school.

They all applied themselves faithfully to their work, and met with as good success as could be reasonably expected under the circumstances. Whole number of scholars in China school, 83; average, 52. Wages, \$32 per month. At brick house, whole number, 46; average, 38. Wages, \$32.

The *Winter Term* commenced under a "*New Dispensation*." On the 8th day of December, our new school house was dedicated by appropriate exercises. And on the Monday following we commenced our new system of graded school, Mr. Charles R. Rowe of Canada, teacher of grammar school; Miss Ellen A. Morrill teacher of intermediate, and Mrs. Etta M. Stearns of primary department. Length of term, 12 weeks. Whole number of scholars: Grammar, 30; average, 26; wages, \$50. Intermediate, 28; average, 25; wages, \$32. Primary, 44; average, 27; wages, \$32.

The teachers under this new order of things have taken great courage, and have devoted themselves with increased energy to their pleasant task. And the children have seemed to be remarkably appreciative and grateful for the increased facilities which have been afforded them. And as a result it is very apparent there has not been so profitable a term of school in this district for many years.

These new school rooms have each been furnished with about 115 square feet of blackboard, covered with "Patent Liquid Slating," good erasers and crayons. The grammar school room has been furnished with a copy of "Webster's Unabridged Dictionary," a full set of "Mitchell's large outline maps," a set of cube blocks, and a clock. The intermediate room has a nice globe, and the primary a "teacher's manual," for free hand drawing, and "numeral frame," to assist in giving the little ones an idea of counting and reckoning. Each room is furnished with broom, dust pan and brush, water pail and dipper, and such things as contribute to the cleanliness and health of teacher and scholar.

Mr. Rowe, under the head of "Remarks," makes the following entry: "The erection of such a substantial and commodious school house as we have been called to instruct in the past term, bespeaks the interest taken in the cause of education. The building has all the modern improvements, and the rooms are in every way attractive and comfortable. The location, with the large play-grounds surrounding, are all that could be desired, and reflects much credit upon the committee elected for that purpose. We think the children and youth of the district appreciate the change from the old to the new order of things, and evidently must feel a lasting debt of gratitude to the taxpayers of the district, and especially to the building committee for the judicious and persistent efforts put forth in the consummation of this enterprise. The master of these schools gratefully acknowledges the support and sympathy he has received from the parents and friends during this, his fifth term in the district. We shall also ever remember with pleasure the



watchful care and hearty co-operation of the superintending school committee in every good word and work."

Your committee has lived long enough to learn that it is next to impossible for any man in any responsible position to please everybody. And "Our folks are always very smart." Especially, "Our children!"

With the grading and consequent separation of the scholars into different departments, some may have felt that the committee has shown partiality. But we disclaim any such thing. We have intended to act without "partiality, fear, favor, or hope of reward." I am satisfied that there has been less friction than is common under such arrangements. That these teachers have been employed for so many successive terms, is sufficient evidence in the judgment of your committee that they are well qualified for the positions they occupy. And if they intend to continue to teach, I respectfully submit to my successors in office, that it is better to retain their services in this district, than to try any new experiments.

In conclusion, we want to call the attention of all the people in the town, to the great and good change which has taken place in the matter of school houses, and advantages for education and christian civilization. Five years since, the estimated value of all the property belonging to the school districts was \$300. To-day your committee reports to the State Board of Education a valuation of \$7,500.

With humble gratitude let us all join in singing the doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

H. H. HARTWELL,

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NOTE.—Since writing this report the grammar school, by the aid and management of Mr. Rowe and Miss Morrill, have given us an exhibition, which taking all things into account, we have never seen excelled.





